

Recreational Opportunities

Bird watching - Bicycling - Fishing - Hiking - Outdoor Photography - Hunting - Wildlife Viewing

Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities.

- No littering.
- No fireworks allowed.
- No open fires except in designated areas.
- Dogs must be leashed when not used for training or hunting. Special-use permits are required for field and retriever trials.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms, and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles are allowed on public roadways and in parking areas.
- Horseback riding and bicycling are permitted only on roads open to vehicles and on designated horse trails or by special-use permit. Groups of 10 or more need a special-use permit.
- Primitive camping is permitted in spots designated on the area map. Campers are limited to 14 consecutive days in a 30-day period. Groups of 10 or more campers need a special-use permit.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- In lakes and ponds, fish may be taken only with pole and line and not more than three (3) poles may be used by one (1) person at any time.
- In lakes and ponds, black bass more than 12" but less than 15" must be returned to the water immediately after being caught.
- In lakes and ponds, daily limits are 4 catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue, and flathead): 6 black bass, 30 crappie; all other fish, statewide limits, but not to exceed 20 in the aggregate.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written authorization.

- Boats may be used only for fishing and wildlife activities and may not be left unattended overnight.
- Only electric motors are permitted

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to the Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Hunting pamphlets for current regulations.
- Portable tree stands may be used between Sept. 1 and Jan. 31. Stands must be identified with the name and address, or conservation number of the user. Screw-in steps or other materials that would damage the tree are prohibited.
- Decoys and portable blinds are permitted but must be removed from the area daily. Blinds may be constructed on-site, but only from willows and non-woody vegetation.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

From Stotts City, take Highway 97 north, then Highway 96 east 1 mile.

For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
2630 N. Mayfair
Springfield, MO 65803
(417) 895-6880

Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

Robert E. Talbot CONSERVATION AREA



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